

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 29, 1953

DATE: November 30, 1953

Tolson ✓
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Special Agent Charles J. Hollandsworth, New York Division, telephonically contacted the Bureau on November 29, 1953, at 11:13 p.m. and talked with Supervisor R. F. McIlwain. Special Agent Hollandsworth stated that the captioned broadcast had been monitored in New York over Radio Station WABC and the following items of interest were being called to the Bureau's attention:

1. Winchell stated that an investigative committee from Washington will link a prominent instructor at Cooper Union College at New York with the Julius Rosenberg spy ring and that his initials were E.P.

Special Agent Hollandsworth stated the individual with the initials E.P. is believed to be [redacted] who is the subject of New York file [redacted]. He stated [redacted] is the husband of [redacted] who is the subject of New York file [redacted].

Let's get it

2. Winchell stated that the next headlines on the Harry Dexter White case will break on next Wednesday. Winchell continued by stating that William Ludwig Uhlman was promoted despite objection of the FBI.

Special Agent Hollandsworth stated that William Ludwig Uhlman is [redacted]

3. Winchell in his "Reporter's Report to the Nation" referred to the following as to what Gouzenko may be able to testify.

(a) Who was secretary on the Staff of the Secretary of State Stettinius who Gouzenko said was a Soviet Agent? Was he Alger Hiss or was he not Alger Hiss? Who was he Mr. Gouzenko?

(b) The United States knows that the Russians planted a top secret agent in war time in the office of Admiral Ernest King. Our Government also knows his name but we need Mr. Gouzenko, the source of that news to say so under oath to make it

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(c) We also need Mr. Gouzenko, to help the FBI trap the Red agents in our atomic set up.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action. For your information.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 7, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
December 6, 1953

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- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

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6-Boyer
6-Callahan
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6-Flavin
6-Gale
6-Rosen
6-Sullivan
6-Tavel
6-Trotter
6-Tele. Room
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Winchell said:

The Velde Investigating Committee will open hearings in New York next month -- another Red spy ring involving 20 new names.

Comment:

The Bureau has received no requests for name checks or other indications to support these alleged contemplated hearings by the Velde Committee.

Winchell said:

Senator McCarthy's probers will be in Erie, Pennsylvania, by Tuesday regarding alleged Reds in defense plants.

Comment:

This is apparently a continuance of the McCarthy Committee's recent investigation into the Communist infiltration of the United Electrical Workers Union at the General Electric Company plants at Schenectady, New York, and Boston, Massachusetts.

Winchell said:

Malenkou's secret police have taken over the entire command once headed by Beria. This means the top Red generals and their families will be shot for any false moves. Malenkou is giving the orders, not taking them.

Comment:

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Winchell said:

A great new spy ring has been uncovered in ~~Norway~~. A Red Army lieutenant named G. F. ~~Paulov~~ (phonetic) was the tipster after he was granted political asylum similar to Canada's protection for Gouzenko.

Comment:

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Winchell said:

Police Lieutenant Louis ~~Shoulders~~ of St. Louis, who arrested the Greenlease kidnapers, has asked for police protection because of threats on his life.

Comment:

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Winchell said:

Senate Committee probers will resume public hearings on the Fort Monmouth case come Tuesday through Friday. The headlines will be made by a top scientist who has just been expelled.

Comment:

This scientist is probably [REDACTED] of Radar Equipment Section, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, who was expelled on September 28, 1953. [REDACTED] is the subject of a pending espionage case. [REDACTED] and closed Loyalty of Government Employees case, [REDACTED] Roy Cohn, Chief Counsel, McCarthy Committee, has indicated that [REDACTED] might be called to testify in line with McCarthy Committee hearings regarding alleged espionage at Fort Monmouth.

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Winchell said:

Senator Jenner's Investigating Committee will call one of Harry Truman's Cabinet members in about 10 days. This man has told his friends that he will positively appear.

Comment:

As you will recall, the Bureau has received word from the Jenner Committee and the Department of Justice that [redacted] and [redacted] have been examining files of the Treasury Department in preparation for their expected appearance before the Jenner Committee.

Winchell said:

The Chrysler people in Detroit, Michigan have a very good story. A man named Hall, or Hull, using Joe DiMaggio's name -- this man's check for 3 grand bounced.

Comment:

The Bureau has received no information regarding this check. There is no positive indication that the Bureau has jurisdiction in this case, since it is not known whether the check traveled in interstate commerce.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 14, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
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December 13, 1953

- Tolson
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Gearty
- Mohr
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Nease
- Miss Gandy

Handwritten notes and signatures:
 Prof. [unclear]
 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 [unclear]

Winchell said:

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico is on the march. They are plotting violence and maybe a revolution after raiding armories for their guns.

Comment:

The San Juan Office advised the Bureau, as well as the New York and Chicago Offices last week that [redacted]

This information was immediately disseminated to the White House, Secret Service, Secretary of Interior, ONI, G-2 and OSI. To date, no such raid or raids are known to have been effected.

Winchell said:

Dorothy Parker, the famous playwright and poet, is making a speech in New York on the 17th at a hall in Greenwich Village, probably on 12th Street, on behalf of the Communists now in American jails for conspiring to overthrow the United States.

Comment:

The Bureau has been advised by the New York Office that the Communist-sponsored National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims plans a mass demonstration on December 17, 1953, in New York City. [redacted]

Winchell said:

The Institute of Pacific Relations, investigated for two years by the McCarran Committee, is quietly planning to get away from it all--meaning quit.

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from A. H. Belmont

RE: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

Professor ~~Wendell Furry~~ ^{MASS.} of Harvard will be subpoenaed by the Senate Investigating Committee sometime this week. The hearings will be public.

Comment:

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Furry's testimony in Public Session will probably be a recapitulation and/or a continuation of the Executive Session hearings.

Winchell said:

Fort Monmouth, New Jersey--The McCarthy Committee has summoned twenty present and former employees at this Army base. At least ten of them will use the Fifth Amendment as alibis.

Comment:

As you know, Senator Joseph McCarthy has been furnishing the Bureau transcripts of the Executive Session testimony of recent McCarthy Committee hearings at the Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Army Base. This appears to be a continuation of those hearings and the Bureau will continue to review all such testimonies. It is obviously a speculation as to how many will invoke the Fifth Amendment.

Winchell said:

Another sensation will break next week before a Senate Committee probing Reds. The FBI reported him to the White House

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in 1949 but the Truman Administration promoted him any way.
He is still a top man in United States immigration.

Comment:

As you recall, Walter Winchell, in his column in the "New York Mirror," dated November 20, 1953, said "...the next Gov't official to be accused of being a Red: - A high-placed exec. at U. S. immigration. He was also promoted by Truman after the FBI reported him." At that time the Director noted: "Do we know who this is?" A memorandum dated November 27, 1953, entitled [REDACTED] was prepared and reflects that

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[REDACTED] is the subject of a Security Matter - C; Perjury case [REDACTED] which is pending. He was also the subject of a Loyalty of Government Employees investigation. [REDACTED] Liaison with the U. S. Bureau of Immigration reflects [REDACTED] is the only probable person to whom Winchell has reference; however, it is noted that [REDACTED] is not now employed by the Bureau of Immigration and has not been employed since February, 1948.

Winchell said:

In the New York Federal Court House, informed people expect Judge Noonan will find Red fugitive Robert Thompson guilty of contempt and sentence him to an extra three years. Thompson, a decorated war hero for our side, is a Communist chief.

Comment:

This prediction is probably based on the fact that Gus Hall, a former Communist fugitive, was apprehended in 1951 and received a three-year sentence for contempt.

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TO : MR. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
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December 20, 1953

DATE: December 21, 1953

- Tolson
- Ladd
- Belmont
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Gearty
- Mohr
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Simms
- Miss Gandy

Handwritten signatures and initials:
J. Edgar Hoover
[Other illegible signatures]

Winchell said:

United Nations, New York - two new names, Americans in key positions of the United Nations, will be subpoenaed by the Jenner Committee some time next week. They are accused of membership in the Communist Party.

Comment:

You will recall that on November 6, 1953, the Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security (Jenner Committee) requested identity and background of two or three employees of the United Nations likely to invoke the Fifth Amendment if called before that Committee to testify. A memorandum dated November 12, 1953, was prepared concerning two such individuals: [redacted] and [redacted]. A memorandum dated December 16, 1953, reflects Mr. Nichols cleared with Deputy Attorney General Rogers and then, on a strictly confidential basis, furnished the names and background of [redacted] and [redacted] to the Jenner Committee which is arranging for hearings on December 22, 1953. [redacted] and [redacted] are apparently the individuals to whom Winchell has reference.

Winchell said:

The upcoming legislation of wire tapping recommended by Mr. Brownell, which means the White House, will not only deal with Communists and subversives but all criminal elements, especially the kidnapers. By all means let's have it.

Comment:

This is probably a reference to H.R. 408 which is a bill pending in Congress that would permit the IIC agencies to wire tap and use the information obtained in evidence, not only in security-type cases but also in certain criminal cases upon authorization of the Attorney General. This bill would not require a court order to wire tap and is the bill which the Bureau would like to see enacted into law.

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Winchell said:

Senator Joseph McCarthy will introduce new laws requiring Government and war plant workers to sign a waiver of the Fifth Amendment before they get sensitive spots.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

Allied Intelligence is very skeptical but the Balkan grapevine says that Beria is dead. One of his doubles would be used at his trial if this is true. The familiar rumor may also be the bait to uncover our secret Agents in Russia.

Comment:

None.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 4 1954

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
January 3, 1954

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- Ladd
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Gearty
- Mohr
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Sizoo
- Miss Gandy

Winchell said:

Panama City, Florida. Jesse James Roberts, notorious jailbreaker and thief, was captured by the FBI tonight.

Comment:

Jesse James Roberts, Jr., with alias, fugitive, et al, ITSP, ITSMV, Conspiracy, was apprehended January 3, 1954, by Agents of the Mobile Division at Wewahitchka, Florida.

Winchell said:

New Haven Connecticut. Federal Agents are working on attempted sabotage in and near New Haven, Connecticut. The saboteurs are known to be definitely Communists.

Comment:

ASAC Torrens, New Haven, was called at 10:20 A.M., January 4, 1954, and advised New Haven has no case of sabotage in which the subject or suspects are known to be definitely Communists. Mr. Torrens said Winchell apparently referred to the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Cutting of Electrical Wiring on M-S B-47 (Marine Sweeper) Sea Beaver Corporation, Greenwich, Connecticut, November 6-11, 1953, Sabotage" which is a current investigation. The chief suspect is [redacted] No information indicates [redacted] has any affiliation with the Communist Party. Winchell possibly heard about the case through the Office of the United States Attorney in New York City where a search warrant has been issued to search [redacted] residence in New York.

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Winchell said:

New York City. One hundred and forty teachers at four New York Colleges are being investigated as suspected Reds. CC NY, Brooklyn, Queens and Hunter.

Comment:

Winchell is apparently referring to the current investigation of Communists in education being conducted by the New York City Board of Education. [REDACTED]

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Winchell said:

Malenkov has completely reorganized his Red intelligence. This is to inform Moscow that our country knows their new headquarters. Here they are: For Southwest Europe - Budejovice, Czechoslovakia, for Western Operations - Geneva, Switzerland, for Northwest Operations - Copenhagen, Denmark.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

Senator McCarthy has warned all concerned that he will campaign against any U.S. Senator who attempts to cut the funds for his investigating committee.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

The next issue of "Confidential" magazine comes out next Wednesday. It is very important that the people see the story on page 30, how Truman's pals tried to get John Edgar Hoover fired. Winchell displayed the magazine to the television audience. The title of the story was observed to be "They Couldn't Get J. Edgar Hoover Bounced."

Comment:

None.

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Winchell said:

Call
Somewhere in Canada. Senator Jenner and Senator McCarran have interviewed former Red agent Igor Gouzenko. He has thrown new light in the case of Alger Hiss. Complications never before known.

Comment:

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The most logical suspect is, of course, Alger Hiss, who occupied such a position. Neither the FBI nor the State Department has been able to identify this individual positively by name.

Winchell said:

Attention United States Intelligence. This is to tip you off to another trouble spot developing in our own backyard. A Red spy headquarters has just been set up in Honduras at Tegucigalpa. These not so very clever Red agents are travelling under Guatemalan passports although they were born in the Dominican Republic. Their names are Francisco Perise (phonetic), Juan Ducaradré (phonetic), and Gregorio Perise (phonetic). To the CIA in Washington - you'd better get to know these people before they get to know you.

Comment:

No record could be located in the Bureau indices based on a check made under variations of the above phonetically spelled names. Winchell specifically called the attention of the CIA to these men. He did not indicate that they are in the United States or any of its possessions nor did he state that they intend to come here. He gave no destination for their travel.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd
FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 28, 1953

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Belmont
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Glavin
Harbo
Rosen
Tracy
Garry
Mohr
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
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Winchell said:

Juneau, Alaska--the Senator McCarthy investigators are backed with evidence of \$5,000,000 contracting frauds involving some Department of Interior officials.

Comment:

The Bureau received information in April, 1952, concerning the matter of [redacted] - Miscellaneous Information Concerning, [redacted]

This information was furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice on May 16, 1952, but no request for Bureau investigation was received from the Department. A memorandum dated October 21, 1953, from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson reflects that Carmine Bellino, a former Bureau Agent who is presently employed by the McCarthy Committee, was en route to Alaska to investigate [redacted] under the auspices of the McCarthy Committee and the Department of Interior. The Bureau advised the Criminal Division of the Department on October 26, 1953, after referencing our letter of May 16, 1952, that Bellino was en route to Alaska to investigate [redacted]. To date the Criminal Division has not requested the Bureau to investigate this matter and [redacted] has never been investigated by the Bureau. (46-18140)

Winchell said:

New York's new Police Commissioner, Frank W. H. Adams, is the lawyer for the Runyan Cancer Fund, without pay, of course.

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cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. E. H. Winterrowd, Room 5708
Mr. W. A. Hamilton, Fraud Section,
Room 4712

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Re: WALTER WINCHELL

Comment:

A separate memorandum concerning Adams has been prepared for Mr. Rosen at the specific request of Mr. E. H. Winterrowd. Briefly, Adams is a former U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and a former Special Assistant to the Attorney General. Adams has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation. 'Adams' relations with the Bureau have been cordial.

Winchell said:

Six members of the Army Loyalty Board will be summoned before the U. S. Senate investigators to explain why they cleared Communists now doing secret Government work.

Comment:

Recent press articles have indicated that Senator McCarthy is interested in calling members of the Army Loyalty Board before the McCarthy Committee in connection with that Committee's investigation of Subversion and Espionage in Defense installations, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. As you know, the McCarthy Committee has confidentially furnished the Bureau transcripts of the testimony obtained in the Executive Session of that investigation.

Winchell said:

Vienna--the ^{Austria}International Lawyers' Conference, Red dominated, will be held next January 4 in Vienna. The American Bar Association will deal with any American lawyer who attends.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

U. S. Senator Pat McCarran will interview Igor Gouzenko, a former Russian agent in Canada, for the Security Subcommittee in about two weeks.

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Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

A most unusual advertisement appeared in the newspaper published in Queens College. This College is part of the New York City Collegiate Educational System. The highly unusual ad urged students there to attend the mock trial of a U. S. Senator--almost exactly as advertised in the official Communist paper over here, the "Daily Worker." But even more remarkable is the identity of the mock trial prosecutor. His name is ... Howard Fast, winner of a Joseph Stalin Peace Prize only last week.

Comment:

Winchell said:

The ~~X~~ Congressional Committee Investigating ~~X~~ Juvenile Delinquency will shock many of you with its very first report due next June. They were amazed to discover that a large percentage of the young offenders come from the middle class and high class of the United States.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

The ~~X~~ ~~V~~alde Committee will shortly give a radio executive in New York a chance to tell the truth, perjure himself, or hide behind the Fifth Amendment. This accused man is well-known in

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radio circles because of his very quick climb to the top.

Comment:

Due to lack of identifiable information it is not possible to identify the individual to whom Winchell has reference.

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 31, 1953

FROM : W. J. Jones

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SUBJECT: NORMAN W. RAIES
(HONORARY DEGREE FOR WALTER WINCHELL)

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- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

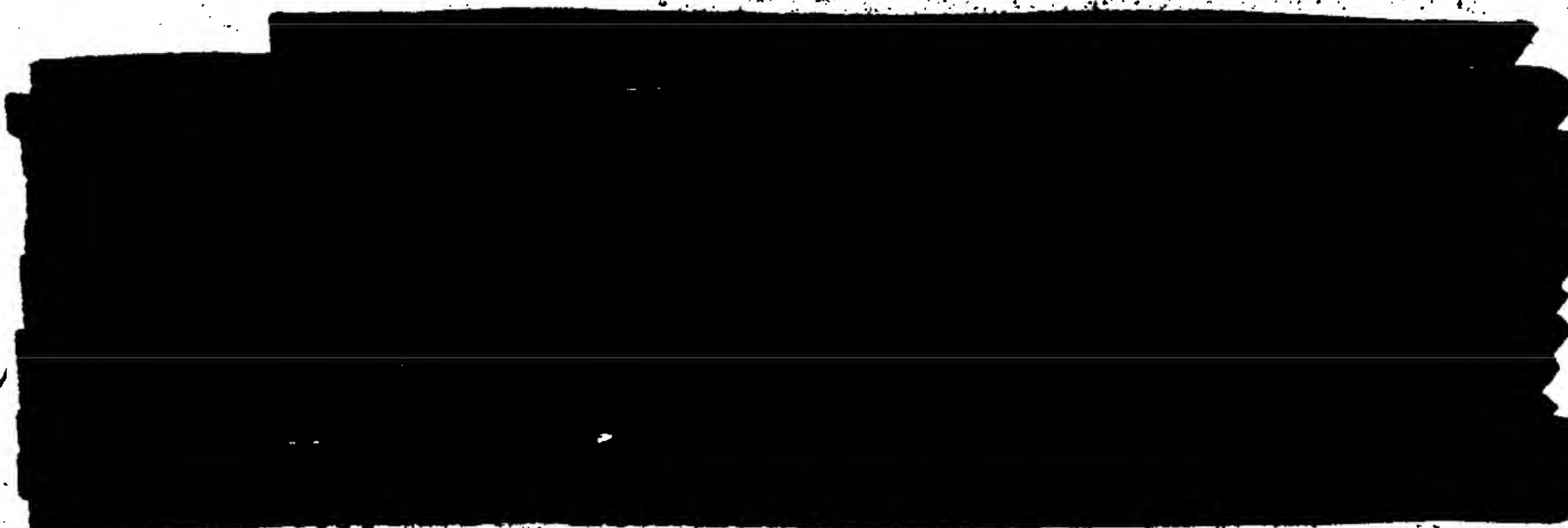
PURPOSE:

To recommend method of handling communication forwarded by above individual from Montesano, Washington, December 24, 1953.

BACKGROUND:

In his letter Raies indicates he is interested in securing an honorary degree from The George Washington University for Walter Winchell and further indicates that he and John Teeter have been working on such a plan. Raies indicates he was the Runyon Fund's Washington representative and said he talked to Dr. Marvin re such a degree and said that Dr. Marvin appeared to be receptive to his proposal. Raies says that if G.W.U. Board has acted, he would be grateful for the Director advising Mr. Teeter because he will be away for some time yet. He further indicates that his best permanent address is Mount Hope, West Virginia. Main files re Dr. Marvin, Walter Winchell and Mr. Teeter have been checked; however, no reference to plans to obtain degree for Winchell were found.

Correspondent enclosed various clippings from Canadian papers and speaks highly of the Bureau's efforts.



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December 31, 1953

RECOMMENDATION:

As Raies requests Mr. Teeter be advised only if G.W.U. Board has taken action re Winchell, it is not believed necessary to write Teeter and as Raies indicates no return address [redacted] it is believed unnecessary to attempt to communicate with him. It is recommended his letter be filed for possible future reference.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 11, 1954

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
January 10, 1954

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- Ladd
- Belmont
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Gandy
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Size
- Miss Gandy

Winchell said:

G-Man John Edgar Hoover is being quietly boomed by some Texans for the 1956 Presidential nomination in the event Mr. Eisenhower rejects a second term.

Comment:

None.

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Winchell said:

European Intelligence made this report to United States Intelligence: Russia believes we have developed the most deadly gas in history. Moscow has ordered all agents to get the formula at any cost.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

Rio de Janeiro. The Communist Party of Brazil has just issued an open call for the overthrow of the Vargas Government by force and violence. They also demand the breaking of all treaties with the United States.

Comment:

None.

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Winchell said:

Windsor, Canada. ~~Donald Ritchie~~, the witness who escaped in the Walter Reuther shooting, has been traced to Kent County, Ontario.

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On December 21, 1949, Attorney General McGrath ordered the Bureau to investigate the attempted bombing of the UAW - CIO Headquarters in Detroit, Michigan, and all other phases connected with this which included the shootings of Walter and Victor Reuther a year previously. On May 14, 1952, the Bureau pointed out to the Department that over 7,000 suspects had been interrogated and close to 300 shotguns had been checked and that no information had been developed indicating a federal violation. On May 14, 1952, Department instructed the Bureau not to conduct any further investigation unless a federal violation developed. Since that time the Bureau has followed the matter closely without conducting an active investigation. Ritchie implicated [redacted] a Detroit hoodlum, as the trigger man in the Walter Reuther shooting. Ritchie was under police guard as the key witness in Detroit and disappeared from a Detroit hotel on Friday, January 8, 1954. Since that time he has been in contact with a Detroit newspaper and has made the statement that he was just engineering a shakedown.

Winchell said:

The Department of Justice wants to close the Ambassador John P. Davies matter. The Jenner Committee, however, will expose the whole thing if anyone tries that.

Comment:

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[redacted] Davies is presently
a counselor at the American Embassy in Lima, Peru. [redacted]

Winchell said:

The McCarthy Committee in a secret session voted to reopen the investigation of the Voice of America.

Comment:

The Voice of America is now the United States Information Agency which is a separate distinct agency no longer under the Department of State. By legislation the applicants for the Voice of America were investigated by the Bureau.

Winchell said:

Washington. Senator Welker of Idaho will make sensational charges on the floor tomorrow against American Ambassador to Korea Arthur Dean. Mr. Welker will produce a letter written in 1949 naming two of Mr. Dean's top guys on foreign affairs. The names shockingly are Owen Lattimore, who was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury recently, and Lawrence Rosinger, who when questioned about alleged membership in the Communist Party sought shelter behind the well known Number 5 (Fifth Amendment).

Comment:

Arthur Hobson Dean has been special envoy to Korea to negotiate with the enemy. He was formerly the chairman of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) during the 1940s.

Owen Lattimore at present is under a seven count perjury indictment as a result of his testimony before the McCarran Committee during 1951 and 1952. Lawrence Rosinger was connected with the IPR.

The letter apparently referred to by Mr. Winchell is a letter written on April 18, 1949, by Arthur H. Dean to Mr. Clayton Lane, Executive Secretary of the American Institute of Pacific Relations, Incorporated, New York, New York. The text of this letter is set out on Page 2519, Part 8, of the printed record of the McCarran Committee hearings on the IPR.

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

December 5 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

When in your office last Spring with the All-American Conference group which presented you the award your public relations liaison there indicated you were a little too busy then to discuss a matter which I had hoped to take up with you personally.

It was regarding an honorary degree from George Washington University for Walter Winchell, which John Teeter and I have been hopeful of for quite some time...unknown to Walter who apparently has never been given such a degree despite his great contributions to this country.

Later I talked with Dr. Marvin in his office, a Fund's Washington representative. He seemed receptive to the proposal and said he would take it up with the Board in particular, though it was to remain a confidential matter until the time, if and when, a favorable decision was reached.

However soon thereafter I left Washington to do a special job in the Northwest and Canada and have been unable to follow through on the project. As I recall I failed to advise Dr. Marvin whom to contact in my absence. If the Board has acted at all I would be grateful if you would communicate with Mr. Teeter in the New York office at your convenience, because I may be away for quite some time yet.

My best permanent address at the moment is Mount Hope, West Virginia, where my family has lived for nearly a half century.

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Enclosed are some typical newspaper items that reflect a cross-section of the attitude here. One is an article on yourself written by, I believe, a Canadian Washington correspondent but who I don't know. Another is a British United Press dispatch in which even the headline is a dishonest one. A reporter myself, it is evident to me that our press is far superior in the recognition of impartiality and ethics in news reporting.

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The third article indicates that the ghastly Rosenberg "memorial" drive is flourishing in Canada. [REDACTED]

Reporter Walker invariably runs a thread of antagonism towards America in all his releases. Two Canadian newsmen however, writing and broadcasting from Ottawa, seem extremely fair. One is Patrick Nicholson who defends the McCarthy investigation, as you will note by the enclosed. Another is a commentator whose name I have not been able to verify.

The foregoing is only for your information and disposal. [REDACTED]

With very best wishes for continued success in your monumental undertaking to preserve the America that loyal Americans love and revere, I am

Respectfully,

Norman W. Raies
Norman W. Raies

January 12, 1954

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Mr. Norman W. Raies
Mount Hope, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Raies:

After an extended absence from the office I wanted to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 6, 1953, and naturally I am very much interested in the Cancer Research Program of The George Washington University and the real contributions which have been made by Mr. Walter Winchell and the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund. I regret that I do not have anything definite to report at the moment, but I certainly will keep this in mind.

I also appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the clippings from the Canadian papers which I read with interest.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Walter Winchell
Honey-PLANE Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

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Dear Walter:

I wanted you to know how much I appreciate your column of today dealing with our problems. Over the years your sympathetic understanding and your ardent desire to serve the best interests of the country have been real sources of encouragement to me. Your kindly references to our current problems are most gratifying.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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Walter Winchell

... OF NEW YORK

Notes of a Newspaperman



An economy-minded Congress is ready to slash every bureau's budget to shreds . . . This is to remind them that the FBI is not only our first line of defense, but it might be our last . . . The value of uncovering an enemy agent can't be measured in dollars, because the damage a Hiss or a Rosenberg can do is counted in lives.

No one knows better than Moscow that it takes a professional to catch a professional and the happiest year Malenkov ever hoped for would be the one in which our Congress handcuffed the FBI by failing to raise its appropriations . . . Director J. Edgar Hoover is the most underpaid man in American history . . . It will be a sad day for this Republic if he ever becomes The Man Most Undermined.

Nothing tends to blur moral distinctions and obliterate simple decency as a policy of expediency. There are times, however, when expediency becomes sheer stupidity . . . Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's financial brain, has just received permission to return to the banking business in Germany. This is another contemptuous rebuke to the memory of every American soldier who died fighting Nazism.

If Hitler and Goebbels were alive would we allow one to return to politics and the other to publish newspapers? Schacht is equivalent to Hitler and Goebbels—both as a Nazi and a criminal. He is this type of sub-human: During World War II, Schacht made a plunder survey of the Balkans, listing everything seizable in production or financial wealth. The report even shocked hardened Nazis—who pointed out he left no food for the local populations? . . . Schacht exclaimed: "Oh God, do they have to eat?"

Politics is a sort of opiate. It enables some politicians to be in complete possession of the past while rejecting the present as a dim dream . . . Croyonist Stewart Alsop reported: "It is no secret that the Republican extremists are bitter about President Eisenhower's refusal to go back to McKinley, or even

Hoover. After the President's State-of-the-Union message, there was much muttering in the cloakrooms about "the damn New Dealer in the White House" . . . In common with FDR — President Eisenhower would rather please the people than politicians.

The prospect of peace-loving Communists is a recurring illusion among many Americans. Primarily, peace and Communism are contradictory—since Communism means violent revolution . . . The explanation for the happy illusion is simple: It is always more pleasant to believe bright hopes than accept grim reality. During the Russian purge trials Vishinsky belted: "Two worlds face each other as irreconcilable and deadly enemies—the world of capitalism, and the world of socialism."

The bloody reality of that statement is represented by the 29,922 Americans who died in Korea fighting Communism.

In Jacksonville, Fla., Francis M. McHale, ex-counsel to the KKK, started an action against the Secretary of the Navy and the Att'y Gen'l of the U. S. to compel them to restore segregation of races at Naval bases . . . This silly man declares that mingling whites and Negroes eventually would cause mankind to revert to simian traits.

In defense of monkeys, they do not wear sheets like the KKK, though they do chatter endlessly like lawyer McHale.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: January 18, 1954

FROM : MR. A. F. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
January 17, 1954

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Winchell said:

Boston, Massachusetts. The FBI has identified two of the five Red scientists shielded by Professor Furry of Harvard University.

Comment:

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The particular scientists referred to by Winchell are not known. However, the following is a list of professors at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University who are known to have been associated with the Communist Party.

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Winchell said:

I have just discovered something slower than molasses in January and that is, the New York Bar Association's long age promised investigation of the lawyer for the Rosenberg spies, Emanuel Bloch.

Comment:

Emanuel Hirsch Bloch, defense attorney for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, was served with papers of the Disbarment Petition by the New York Bar Association on January 12, 1954. The general charge was "professional misconduct."

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Winchell said:

Senator Joseph Mc Carthy has been told that the Democrats who quit his investigating committee and will return if Mr. Mc Carthy makes a very slight concession which I would like to lay the odds on.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

Labor circles claim there is no mystery at all about the peculiar activity of the key witness in the Walter Reuther shooting. They say testimony will prove that an unsuspected high union official was in league with the gamblers in Detroit. This official, by the way, does not come from Washington, D. C.

Comment:

The key witness referred to in this case is Donald Ritchies who [REDACTED] the hoodlums who shot Walter Reuther. Ritchie implicated [REDACTED] a Detroit hoodlum as the triggerman in the shooting. Ritchie disappeared from Detroit on January 8, 1954, and has given contradictory statements to the "Detroit Free Press" and was located in Canada where he has indicated an unwillingness to return to the United States to testify. The Detroit Office has been following the developments in the Reuther shooting case closely. The identity of the high union official referred to by Winchell is not known at the Bureau.

Winchell said:

The next Republican diplomat to go down under fire for weakness on the Red Chinese question has the initials R. K. Y.

Comment:

Winchell is possibly referring to [REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 25, 1954

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
January 24, 1954

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- Miss Gandy

Winchell said:

St. Louis. Five more Communist leaders go to trial here tomorrow in St. Louis. Court attaches of the Federal court are herewith warned to expect trouble from certain members among the spectators.

Comment:

The five Communist leaders going to trial are Marcus Alphonso Murphy, Robert Mandelwitz, William Sentner, Dorothy Forrest and James Forrest. The Civil Rights Congress has ordered the courtroom to be packed at all times, particularly on the opening day of the trial.

Winchell said:

What is Anna Louise Strong, the very left winger, doing in Guatemala, the scene of considerable Red trouble?

Comment:

Anna Louise Strong, approximately seventy years of age, has been the subject of extensive Bureau investigation. She is a writer and lecturer and for fifty years has traveled world wide espousing the Communist line. She has been known to be particularly active in countries where the possibility of Communist penetration has arisen. In 1949 she was deported from Russia, being named by the Russians as an agent of the Soviet Union. She has, nevertheless, continued her work for Soviet and Communist propaganda. She has been interviewed by the Bureau and while ostensibly cooperative has furnished little information. She has been known by the Bureau and the State Department to be active in the Soviet Union and has had several articles printed in the press. The State Department is giving some coverage to her activities. The Department of Justice has declined to register her under the Internal Security Act of 1950 and she is on the Security Index.

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Winchell said:

Washington, D. C. The three Democratic Senators who quit the McCarthy Committee will return tomorrow morning.

Comment:

The three Senators are Senators Symington, McClellan and Jackson.

Winchell said:

Juneau, Alaska. Kenneth Kadow is the Interior Department's number one man in Alaska. He will be charged with the biggest five per cent scandal in years on February 1.

Comment:

[REDACTED] while being interviewed regarding another matter by our Anchorage Office on April 25, 1952, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished no additional information regarding the transaction. The information obtained from [REDACTED] was furnished to the Department by memorandum dated May 16, 1952, and no request for investigation was received from the Department. By memorandum dated January 15, 1954, from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson it was reported that arrangements were made with Roy Cohn, counsel for the McCarthy Committee, to have information obtained by their investigator, Carmen Bellino (former Bureau Agent) to furnish the Bureau with an analysis of his findings of any irregularities in Government operations in Alaska. No report has yet been received on this matter.

Winchell said:

Ann Arbor, Michigan. Five professors at the University of Michigan have been subpoenaed by the Velde Committee for February 23, 1954. Witnesses on that date will swear that these men are members of the Communist Party.

Comment:

The Detroit Office has furnished the Bureau with the list of persons subpoenaed by the Velde Committee.

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TO : D.M. Ladd

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DATE: February 8, 1954

FROM : A.H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
FEBRUARY 7, 1954

Winchell said:

Washington, D.C.--The U.S. Senate Investigating Committee has subpoenaed three Army officials for February 18th. They are suspected of Commie connections. Two men and one woman.

Comment:

Due to lack of identifying data, it is not possible to specify the individuals to whom Winchell is referring.

Winchell said:

Atlanta, Georgia--Eugene Dennis, the Communist leader, is now in solitary at the Atlanta Pen after a very fierce fight with another prisoner.

Comment:

None.

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Winchell said:

Havana, Cuba--Confirming several Winchell tips that Batista's government is in trouble, Batista has doubled security measures and Washington expects a Cuban rebellion very shortly.

Comment:

There have been persistent rumors ever since Batista took over Cuban Government in March, 1952, that there would be a revolt against his administration led by either Carlos Prío Socarras or Aureliano Sanchez Arango. There is no definite indication as to when such a revolt may occur.

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cc - Mr. Rosen

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Winchell said:

Ambassador John ~~Peurifoy~~^{U.S.} returned to Guatemala after warning the President and the Senate that all Central America faces crises within a year. The encouraging and the heartening news from U.S. intelligence is that our faithful ally, Brazil, will take that initiative at the Pan-American Conference. Brazil will attack the South American nations playing ball with the Reds

Comment:

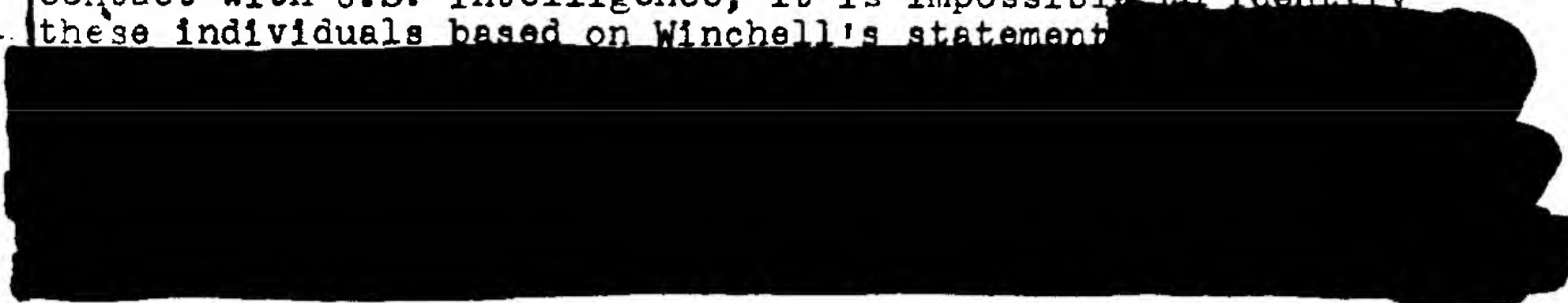
Central American Governments are perennially faced with crises, both economic and political. With respect to the second point, Winchell is referring to the forthcoming meeting at Caracas, Venezuela, of the Organization of American States (OAS). There have been indications for some time that this meeting will condemn Communist interference in the Western Hemisphere as well as the failure of certain Latin American republics, such as Guatemala, to properly curtail Communists activities.

Winchell said:

Tokyo--This is the inside story on the switch over to our side of the Russian agent described as the Second Secretary of the Russian Legation at Tokyo. This Red was not really Second Secretary. That title was a cover up. He was actually the Chief of Red Intelligence. He has the same rank as Gouzenko in Ottawa but he has a lot more important information. More important, however, is that two other top Beria men are now outside the Iron Curtain and contact has been made by U.S. Intelligence.

Comment

(S)(u) [Winchell is referring to the recent defection of Colonel Yuri Alexandrovitch Rastvorov who is presently being interrogated by Army Intelligence at Tokyo. The information reported by Winchell with respect to Rastvorov is substantially correct. All current information concerning Rastvorov is being obtained by the Bureau through Liaison channels from G-2. In connection with the "two other top Beria men" said to be in contact with U.S. Intelligence, it is impossible to identify these individuals based on Winchell's statement



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Winchell said:

Crestline, California--Confirming a Winchell scoop of over a year ago to the effect that a school to train Communists was located near Crestline, the Sunday (2-7-54) "Los Angeles Examiner" carried the following headline: "Secret Red School in Los Angeles Area, Probers Told."

Comment:

You will recall that about October, 1952, a Winchell broadcast made mention of a Communist Party School held at Crestline, California.

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The Los Angeles office pointed out that this was not a school in the sense of an established institute but was simply a meeting of Communist leaders at an outdoor camp operated by [REDACTED] Crestline.

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Winchell said:

A one-time very high New York State official will soon be accused as the boss of the biggest black market Army deal of World War II. He has been secretly interrogated all week in a New York City hotel. His initials are C.P.

Comment:

Winchell may be referring to [REDACTED]

We have no information as to who is conducting the inquiries in this matter.

Winchell said:

New York Journal American--Ellis Island is now crowded with Communist aliens who were quietly rounded up by U.S. Immigration.

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Comment:

INS has advised through Liaison that there is no truth in Winchell's statement and that INS has not been conducting any special round up of Communist aliens. Winchell may possibly be referring to the routine arrest of subversive individuals under the Attorney General's denaturalization and deportation program. This program, which was innaugurated during October, 1952, will involve all told approximately 189 subversives, as well as 115 racketeers.

Winchell said:

A sure best seller coming out in March is McCarthy And His Enemies. The author is William Buckley of Yale University.

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William F. Buckley, who graduated from Yale during 1950 is the author of the former best seller, "God and Man at Yale," published during October, 1951. The latter book, which caused quite a sensation at the time of its publication, consists, in summary, of an attack upon the "secular and collectivist influence" at Yale.

Winchell said:

Russia is spending a quarter of a million dollars on a new building to house its UN Delegation. This indicates no break in diplomatic relations with Russia.

Comment:

The above information was incorporated in the 2-3-54, Current Intelligence Summary issued by the Bureau. It refers to the fact that during November, 1953, the Soviet Union purchased a residential building adjacent to its UN headquarters at 680 Park Avenue, New York City, spending \$150,000. It is estimated that the Soviets are spending an additional \$50,000 to combine this new building with its former headquarters as well as to refurbish both buildings.

Winchell said:

Montgomery, Alabama--Two more of the nine convicts who escaped from Atmore Prison on Thursday were captured tonight.

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This refers to the nine convicts who escaped from the Atmore State Prison, Atmore, Alabama, on the evening of 2-4-54. The Birmingham and Mobile offices filed process (Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement) on five of the escapees. Three of the five have already been apprehended by local authorities.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 1, 1954

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AH*

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Winchell said:

Attention investigators for the Velde Committee. Samuel Novick, subject of a very wide search, is not in the United States anymore. He sold his electronics company several months ago and fled. Your Committee, Mr. Velde, has announced that this ingrate Novick gave jobs to A-bomb spies during the war. His corporation handled \$6,000,000 worth of radar contracts for the United States Navy. Samuel Novick is now in Mexico City.

Comment:

Samuel John Novick *aka Samuel Novick* is a naturalized citizen who was born in Russia. He had several business interests in the United States in electronics companies in Chicago and New York City.

He has been in Mexico for about a year and has business interests in Mexico City where he now resides.

Winchell said:

Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Senator Joseph McCarthy did not mention the name of the Army Major who invoked the Fifth Amendment yesterday. Why not? His name is Irving Peress, a Queen's dentist.

Comment:

Irving Peress, is a native-born American who was formerly a dentist on West 42nd Street, New York City. He is presently in the Army.

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Winchell said:

Winchell commented on the rough going he received over eight years ago for reporting that gang chief Lucky Luciano won his freedom from Sing-Sing for doing a job for Naval Intelligence in war time. Winchell said they called his story an unbelievable one and phony. He said that District Attorney Frank Hogan, a Dewey man, on Friday last, told the New York newspapers that it was all true.

Comment:

Charles "Lucky" Luciano, a notorious New York hoodlum, was sentenced June 18, 1936, for placing women in a place of prostitution and was given thirty to fifty years by the State of New York.

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[Charles Haffenden, ONI Agent, testified in February, 1943, before a hearing for reduction in Luciano's sentence that ONI had received help from Luciano. The Navy [redacted] said that his help had been obtained without the knowledge and consent of the Navy. The reduction in sentence was denied. Luciano was paroled and released to INS in February 2, 1946. He was deported February 10, 1946, and is presently in Italy.

Winchell said:

The Civil Rights Congress, a notorious Red front will promote a march on Washington February 28, demanding the appeal of the Mc Carran Act.

Comment:

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. The intended march on Washington was reported in the Weekly Intelligence Summary of the Bureau *W-27-54*

Winchell said:

The Young Communist League masquerading as the Labor Youth League will hold a convention in the Bronx on the 19th and 20th.

Comment:

The Labor Youth League has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. It is presently being proceeded against

under the Internal Security Act of 1950. New York is following the convention to be held February 19 and 20, 1954.

Winchell said:

Washington, D. C. Senator McCarthy will give the nation another shudder next week. He will name a very high Army officer as being an out and out Communist, a Colonel in the United States Army.

Comment:

None. We are contacting G-2 in an effort to determine the identity of this Army officer.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 24, 1954

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN,
NEW YORK MIRROR,
February 22, 1954

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SYNOPSIS:

On February 23, 1954, you asked if we had any line on certain information appearing in Walter Winchell's column of February 22, 1954, in the "New York Mirror." This column stated in part as follows: "Uncle Sam's Sherlocks now know the names of the Kremlin's Big 4 in the U. S. Not one is a card-carrying commy, either. Their initials are W. G.... M. A.... A. H.... M. L.... A college prof... An editor... A lawyer... A Truman pal." Because of the lack of identifying information in Winchell's column, it was not possible to definitely identify any of the individuals bearing the above initials and holding the above occupations as being high enough in the Communist conspiracy to be labeled as the "Kremlin's Big 4 in the U. S." Contacts with key supervisors in the Internal Security and Espionage Sections revealed that the individuals mentioned in Winchell's column might possibly be:



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from D. M. Ladd

RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN
NEW YORK MIRROR
February 22, 1954

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

DETAILS:

Walter Winchell's column which appeared in the "New York Mirror" of February 22, 1954, reported the following item: "Uncle Sam's Sherlocks now know the names of the Kremlin's Big 4 in the U. S. Not one is a card-carrying commy, either. Their initials are W. G....M. A....A. H....M. L....A college prof...An editor...A lawyer...A Truman pal." Concerning this item you noted; "Do we have any line. H." In checking out the above information it was assumed that Winchell was referring to "W. G." as the college professor, "M. A." as the editor, "A. H." as the lawyer, and "M. L." as Truman's pal.

The key supervisors in the Internal Security and Espionage Sections were contacted in an effort to identify the above individuals. Because of the lack of identifying information appearing in Winchell's column, it was not possible to definitely identify any individuals bearing the above initials and holding the above occupations as being high enough in the Communist conspiracy to be labeled as the "Kremlin's Big 4 in the U. S."

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Memo to the Director
from D. M. Ladd

RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN
NEW YORK MIRROR
February 22, 1954

"A. H....A lawyer:"

Efforts to identify this individual have met with negative results. The names of all individuals on the Bureau's Security Index having the last name beginning with "H" were checked, consisting of approximately 1,334 names. Of these, 56 males had initials of "A. H." and whose cards were checked but failed to reflect any occupation as lawyers.

The records of the National Lawyers Guild (a cited Communist front), reflecting current national and local officers and members of national committees, were checked but revealed no one having the initials "A. H."

It appears that the most logical individual with the initials "A. H." and a lawyer by profession, who could be considered as one of the "Kremlin's Big 4 in the U. S." might possibly be [REDACTED]

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"M. L....A Truman pal:"

Believed to be [REDACTED] on whom no complete investigation has been conducted by the Bureau. Information was received in 1946 from former Communist Party members [REDACTED] was among a group of high-level Government employees who, although were not "openly connected" with the Communist Party, had placed many Communists in Government positions. It has been reliably reported [REDACTED] has been affiliated with numerous Communist front groups and pro-Soviet organizations as early as 1925. He was allegedly associated with reported Communist Party members and espionage suspects. [REDACTED]

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Walter Winchell Of New York

The Hottest Scandal in Town

Uncle Sam's Sherlocks now know the names of the Kremlin's Big 4 in the U. S. Not one is a card-carrying commy, either. Their initials are W.G....M.A....A.H....M.L....A college prof...An editor...A lawyer...A Truman pal.

Janice Rule, the leading lady of "Picnic," has Dick Nash (the writer) making a nash of himself.

Jimmy Dorsey's daily visitor-brunette at Polyclinic Hospital is film star Anne Baxter. His mother would like to see them wed.

The tardy wits (and many colyumists) quipped: "Jimmy Roosevelt's theme song: 'I Love Loosely.'" From our Sounds-in-the-Night of more'n a year ago.

Poor Jimmy Roosevelt. Now that he needs a nurse he hasn't any.

Jimmy Roosevelt, it says here, set up a trust fund for correspondent Irene Owens. (To each his Owens.)

Hasn't the CAB recommended the long expected merger of Eastern and Colonial airlines? (Yop!) It's now awaiting Ike's sig.

The colyum's advance news that Missouri Pacific (Pfd) may be better than money (if the referee okays its plans for reorganization) was partly confirmed. May happen in a month or so. Insiders expect it to leap 25 to 50 points--if.

Frank Sinatra and Artie Shaw met in Lindy's revolving door the other 2 am. Both took a coolish 5-second take and then walked away.

Big slugfest over at Musicians' Union (802) between head man Petrillo and a tooter. Petrillo Marciano'd first.

A famed Mexican exec's wife flogged a famous Mexican movie actress in a Mexico City cafe. It will be confirmed in the courts.

The Abel Meeropol who hid the Rosenberg children at his home and has a commy-membership name (Lewis Allen) wrote the song "Strange Fruit."

Zsa-Zsa's getting famous. A new shoe polish is named "Za Za."

Chums report Garbo will never make another movie. She's doing the "Sunset Blvd" bit. Lives in the past--re-running her old films.

One of the earthy male singers in a musical clik--shows buddies wild letters written by a glamorous blonde movie star.

A teevy comic has been warned by his psychiatrist to take a vacation or wind up cutting paper money.

It took two cars of cops to subdue a pretty femme travel executive, who flung glasses (with drinks in 'em) at Clarke's barkeeps.

Madison Avenue ad agency brass will be grilled by the gov't over a tew teevy expert, behind whose French alias is quite a deportation scoop.

The Chaplins keep saying they'll never return here. It couldn't happen to a nicer country.

20th Century-Fox (rumors say) has signed J. R. for the role of a priest in "No Business Like Show Business." Churchmen will protest.

Los Angeles papers carry adverts saying: "J. R. in 3D"... J. R. is for Jane Russell, not Jimmy Roosevelt, of course.

Peggy Appiah, dght of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, expects her first child in June. She's wed to a British gov't official, A Negro.

Gov. Knight (of Cal.), to whom we appealed to study the brief of a condemned-to-death Negro, phoned us. Studies it nightly. 25 pages.

Ever think the N. Y. Times would take an ad containing the word "bastards"? Tuesday last week. For "Confidential Clerk."

Joan Blondell's romance with Jimmy Cannon, the sports writer, is at the serious stage. Now takes her to Lindy's!

The Earl of Granville (first cousin to Queen Liz) is real gone on Carin Quarnstrom, a Swedish interior decorator. May announce their betrothal any day, despite yelling from his royal relatives.

At Palm Springs the colyum tossed a cocktail party for 105 Washington (and Calif.) press people. Over 300 towners crashed. (We didn't get one drink!)

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- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Mohr
- Trotter
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Miss Gandy

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my line
J.H.*

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- Times-Herald
- Wash. Post
- Wash. News
- Wash. Star
- N.Y. Herald Tribune
- N.Y. Mirror

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About a year ago an editor in Crestline (Cal.) panned us hard for warning that a school to train Reds was nearby. Said we were nuts, oughta be taken off the air, etc. The gov't confirmed the tip. He's no longer on the paper.

Memo to Britain: Chaplin isn't a loan. He's a gift!

Memo to Sen. Langer: Warren a commy? That's commyrot!

Joe DiMaggio could tell Jackie Gleason that a woman could never give you as much trouble as happiness.

Ted Thackrey, former editor of the defunct red-ridden rag (The Compass), who reprinted scurrilous commy propaganda about us written by an ex-convict (when we were ill and couldn't fight back), now begs us to go easy on him. "Uncle!" begins Thackrey's white flag, "King's X," "White Flag!" He adds: "I'm relying on your deep grained sense of fair play to hear my side of it." Reply: No. You were one of the lynch-mob joiners when things were rough. Where was your fair play?

A politico now involved in litigation with a highly controversial figure is worried that his foe will discover his skeleton. Two wives!

Pat Ward, who used to earn \$500 per eve'g (according to Jelka case testimony) is now a \$65 weekly clerk in Midtown. (Good Girl.)

"Dear Walter," writes an insider, "You were rooked out of a big plug for Norman Lockridge. That's a ghost-writer's name now used by an ex-convict named Sam Roth, who did 3 years in a federal clink for publishing pornography, etc. He never gave Max Bodenheim any \$200 advance. Why didn't this soandso publish Max's books when he was alive? This ex-convict Sam Roth is a gravedigger digging free publicity when he rates publouseity. One of his authors is also an ex-convict, so's one of the author's helpers. He conned you, Kid, since your blind items that you were hep to his record. Sending you his Rogues' Gallery pix."

A Midtown public relations firm charged a movie-teevy star \$35,000 for the job of "debunking" the allegations of a Cong. Comm.

The custodian of the electric chair in New Jersey is the head grip (a stagehand) at Minsky's, Newark. His name is Bernie Johnson.

Generally, colyumists fuss with readers, but Betsy Von Wotz, Her-Name, the actress, started the blazing feud with Cholly Knickerbocker, society scrivener.

The news photos of Jackie Gleason and his amour (Marilyn Taylor) were given to the press by a rival network. Dumont.

Skewp of the Week: The reason Howard Hughes wants to buy BKO Corp: He's gonna add propellers and fly it Coast-to-Coast.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 17, 1954

Attached letter was forwarded by
Walter Winchell.

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777 Lincoln Ave
Bridgeport, Conn.
Jan 14, 1954

Mr. Walter Winchell
Daily Mirror,
New York City.

Hello Walter:

I was interested in your last Sunday Broadcast, in which you stated that a group of Texans were interested in having FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover run for the Presidency in the next presidential election. Back in the 1948 campaign I started a boom for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover as the presidential candidate.

I had some publicity in the Cleveland Plain Dealer to that effect when I received a letter from Mr. Hoover saying that he wasn't interested in running for President but mainly interested in the administration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

So Walter, I immediately stopped all my publicity releases. Thus I feel these Texans are wasting their time in booming Mr. Hoover. However, I certainly would be sincerely happy if Mr. Hoover would change his mind as he is a wonderful gentleman.

Do you happen to know the names of those Texans interested in Mr. Hoover's future candidacy?

Most Sincerely yours,

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Louis Josephson

Louis Josephson
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P.S. I did New England Publicity for the Late Frank Knox former Secretary of the Navy.

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Mr. Louis Josephson
777 Lincoln Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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Dear Mr. Josephson:

Mr. Walter Winchell has brought to my attention your letter to him of January 14, 1954.

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While I deeply appreciate your kind expression of confidence, I thought you might like to know that my stand on the matter of entering politics has not changed since our correspondence several years ago. It is still my firm conviction that I have a job to do here, and I am happy to have the privilege of serving in my present capacity.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bulet of 1-29-48, was sent to Mr. Josephson as a result of his endeavors to organize movement to have the Director run for the Presidency. That letter, which is in 62-31615-597, advised Mr. Josephson substantially as indicated in the present letter.

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NEW YORK 17, N.Y.
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- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Room

February 12, 1954

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The boss said to send the attached to
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Rose (Rose)
for Walter Winchell

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From an anon tel. call;

[redacted] and his Associates of "Strike It Rich" are Communists. ^{Sen.} McCarthy told them that they were helping the Communists he said the truth. They first started this program with that idea in mind to show that the United States does not take care of its needy and helpless people. They have collected thousands of dollars by asking for contributions for the ~~the~~ Heart Fund but if you were to ask the donors if they received receipts they would most probably say no because this money has been given to the Communist Party. In 1947-1948 [redacted] and his Associates came out for the left wing Professional Committee for Artists.

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DIRECTOR, FBI U R G E N T

ATTENTION-----INSPECTOR SIZOO

WALTER WINCHELL.

RE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN-
 DASH TWENTY THREE FIFTY FOUR. ARTICLE APPEARED SAN DIEGO UNION
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 ARTICLE RELATED THAT IN A RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAY NIGHT LAST, WALTER
 WINCHELL SAID QUOTE FORMER COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER PEOPLE HAD PLANTED
 A PERSON OF QUESTIONABLE LOYALTY IN THE WHITE HOUSE UNQUOTE. SA
 KIDWELL, BUREAU LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE AT PALM SPRINGS, DISCUSSED
 THIS ARTICLE WITH MR. HAGGERTY TODAY. BUT MR. HAGGERTY STATED HE DID
 NOT CHOOSE TO MENTION THE NAME OF THE PERSON INVOLVED. MR. HAGGERTY
 RELATED THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATION ADDING THAT THE
 ALLEGATION HAD COME QUOTE MC CARTHY-S EFFORT TO SMEAR SOMEONE UNQUOTE.
 HAGGERTY ADVISED THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN HANDLED AND THERE WAS
 NOTHING TO IT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. THIS FOR BUREAU-S INFORMATION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 15, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
FEBRUARY 14, 1954

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Winchell said:

The Democratic high command will spring the secret records of State Department dismissals next month. They will also demand the scalp of Scotty McLeod.

Comment:

The dismissals to which Winchell refers are the State Department's share of the controversial 2200 dismissals made by the Eisenhower Administration on grounds variously described as "loyalty," "security," "subversion," etc. It has been reported that some 435 of these dismissals involved State Department personnel.

Winchell said:

N.Y. Daily Mirror -- A former and a very famous U.N. official -- he's an American and one of the most respected men in the world -- will get a Congressional investigation as I said over a year ago over the air.

Comment:

In view of the lack of identifying data given by Winchell, this is a case of pure speculation. He could, for instance, be referring to

, both of whom are internationally known and respected. In neither case, however, is any logical reason known for a Congressional investigation.

Winchell said:

Washington -- Congressional detectives are now breathing heavily down the neck of a very big man in the Department of Defense. Party card!

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Stanley

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Comments:

In view of lack of identifying data given by Winchell, it is not possible to specify the individual to whom he is referring.

Winchell said:

An FBI undercover man will accuse a civilian worker in the Army Department before a Senate Committee some time this week as a dues-paying conspirator.

Comment:

Both of the principal Senate investigating committees -- the McCarthy Committee and the Jenner Committee -- have hearings scheduled for the immediate future. In view of the considerable number of former Bureau informants who are now testifying before these committees and since there are literally tens of thousands of civilian employees in the Army Department, no identification of Winchell's subject is possible without further identifying data.

Winchell said:

To the President of the United States -- Former Communist newspaper people have a plant in the White House.

Comments:

The significance of this statement is not known. Winchell may be dramatizing the fact that Tass, the official Soviet news agency, has an accredited correspondent in Washington who regularly attends White House press conferences; or he may be referring to the Daily Worker correspondent in Washington.

Winchell said:

A new suspect will be named in the Brink's case. This individual is now the subject of a deportation proceeding.

Comment:

Winchell is probably referring to [redacted] Boston hoodlum, who is now in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Boston, Massachusetts. [redacted] who has been considered a strong suspect in the Brink's case.

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Are we making certain he is not deported before we finish with him? H.

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investigation for some time, is one of a number of racketeers and hoodlums who have been arrested by INS under the Attorney General's denaturalization and deportation program since late 1952.

Winchell said:

Attention Attorney General Brownell -- A crowd of Communists will stage a riot by trying to invade your office at the Department of Justice next Wednesday.

Comment:

Winchell is probably referring to an article which appeared in the February 12, 1954, issue of the Daily Worker. This article stated that a group of persons, both Negro and white, would visit the Attorney General this Wednesday to present the demands of thousands of people who want Benjamin J. Davis freed and who want all segregation ended in Federal prisons. Davis is the former Communist Party, USA, National Board Member who was convicted under the Smith Act in the first Communist trial at New York City. He is now incarcerated at Terre Haute, Indiana. A letter is going out today advising the Attorney General of this Daily Worker article.

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777 Lincoln Ave
Bridgeport, Conn
Feb. 25, 1954

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Walter Winchell

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau Of Investigation.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was rather surprised to receive your letter of Feb. 19 in regard to my letter to Mr. Walter Winchell.

You may rest assured that I am not and will not do anything contrary to your desire. In fact I feel as you do that you are doing remarkable service to the nation in your present capacity.

I heard Mr. Winchell mention in one of his broadcasts that a group of Texans were interested in your prospects as a future presidential candidate.

All I asked Mr. Winchell was who these gentlemen are.

In fact I think I mentioned to Mr. Winchell that I felt you were not interested in the Presidency, because you wrote me so several years ago.

With Best wishes,

Louis Josephson
sincerely yours,

Louis Josephson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 23, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
FEBRUARY 21, 1954

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Winchell said:

Washington, D. C.-- One of Mr. Truman's closest advisers in the White House and the head of a New York public relations company will be indicted over the Chinese lobby.

Comments:

In view of the lack of identifying data, it is not possible to connect this with any Bureau cases.

Winchell said:

Washington -- GOP chiefs will urge the President to replace Secretary Benson and Secretary of War Stevens. Stevens refused to name the Army brass who promoted the Communists. Bad for votes!

Comments:

Secretary of War Robert T. Stevens last week publicly denounced the "unfair attacks" made by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) on Army officers. Stevens' statement was an outgrowth of McCarthy's questioning of Brigadier General Ralph Zwicker, Commanding Officer of Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, with respect to the promotion and honorable discharge of an alleged Communist, Major Irving Peress. According to Stevens, McCarthy had subjected General Zwicker to "humiliating treatment" and was undermining the morale of Army officers generally.

Winchell said:

New York City -- The United States Government has a deportation warrant for a television actor. You probably have seen him on your sets. His initials are C. K.

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols
cc - 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Comment:

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has advised that they cannot immediately identify the individual to whom Winchell is referring; however, they are checking on this item. INS would have primary interest in this matter.

Winchell said:

Oslo, Norway -- The Norwegian Intelligence has arrested a Norwegian spy ring of nineteen just as its leader turned over defense plans of Oslo Harbor to a Russian in a parked car. Norway had demanded the immediate recall of the Russian Second Secretary. The Second Secretary in all Russian Embassies is actually the chief of Russian intelligence.

Comment:

It is true that the Second Secretary of the Russian Embassy is frequently a ranking intelligence official. The Bureau has found this to be the case in a number of instances. Winchell's statement that all Second Secretaries are the heads of Russian Intelligence networks would seem to be a distinct exaggeration, however.

Winchell said:

Palm Springs, California -- I flew to this desert paradise to see Governor Knight the other day about Wesley Wells, a Negro sentenced to die in the gas chamber April 9th. The law in California condemns you to death for striking a prison guard if, if you are doing life at the time. I have been told that the prisoner was given life AFTER he struck the guard and then condemned to the gas chamber.

Comment:

Wells, a habitual criminal, has been in prison almost continuously since 1925. During March, 1942, he was sentenced to a term of 1-5 years at San Quentin prison for auto theft. This sentence was increased to 5 years to life during September, 1944, after Wells violated the prison regulations relating to the possession of weapons by inmates. In August, 1947, Wells was sentenced to death for assaulting a prison guard. During a prison fracas, he had thrown a cuspidor at the guard. early in 1947.

Winchell said:

Chicago-American -- The policeman from Cicero convicted for violating civil rights will be retried in Chicago March 30th.

Comment:

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Winchell is referring to the Bureau case entitled "~~Erwin Konovsky Et Al, Harvey Evans Clark Et Al, Victims, Civil Rights.~~" This case is the outgrowth of the race riots which occurred at Cicero, Illinois, during 1951, after Clark and his family moved into a previously all-white neighborhood. Konovsky, the Chief of Police at Cicero, and two others were subsequently convicted for failing to afford the victims proper protection. The Court of Appeals reversed this verdict last spring and remanded the case to the lower courts for retrial.

Winchell said:

John Edgar Hoover -- Look Magazine next Tuesday has a very wonderful article about three of your top men, Tolson, Nichols, and Ladd.

Comment:

The Bureau knows about this. In fact, Look Magazine consulted with the Crime Records Section in preparing this article in question.

Winchell said:

Detroit Times -- Senator Jenner's Investigating Committee will hold a series of explosive hearings in Detroit, Michigan, in about two weeks.

Comment:

Ed Duffy, staff member of the Jenner Committee, advised the Bureau late last week that although that Committee did plan to conduct some hearings in Detroit eventually, they had no immediate plans in that regard. Duffy indicated that the Jenner Committee would not visit Detroit until the House Committee on Un-American Activities had concluded its sessions in Detroit.

Winchell said:

Washington Post -- People representing all organizations recently listed as subversive by the government's Mr. Brownell will march on Washington, D.C., and also try to disturb the Congress March 7th and 8th.

Comment:

Winchell is probably referring to the ~~People's~~ Conference to Repeal the McCarran Act" which is being sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress on Sunday, March 7th. Plans call for a special train to transport delegates from the New York area. According to a Bureau source, efforts will be made to visit Members of Congress, the Subversive Activities Control Board, Departmental officials and other Government leaders on Monday, March 8th. This information was included in our "Current Intelligence Summary" of February 10, 1954, and we have been keeping the Department advised.

Winchell said:

New York Daily Mirror -- Mickey Ladd, the assistant to the G-man Director for 25 years will retire on the 27th.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

The confirmation of Earl Warren as Chief Justice has been delayed by the ridiculous stalling of Senator Langer who is paralyzing the highest court, humiliating the nation, and disgracing the Senate by his actions in this case.

Comment:

None.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 1, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
FEBRUARY 28, 1954

Tolson	✓
Ladd	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Clegg	✓
Glavin	✓
Harbo	✓
Tracy	✓
Gearty	✓
Mohr	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

Winchell said:

The White House -- A very secret meeting between the President of the United States and U. S. Senator Joseph McCarthy will be arranged for sometime next week.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

South Bend, Indiana -- The student body at Notre Dame University has honored G-Man John Edgar Hoover as the patriot of the year.

Comment:

On 2-22-54, SAC Foster of the Boston Division, who is a leading member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, delivered an address at Notre Dame on behalf of the Director accepting that University's first annual "Patriotism Award."

Winchell said:

Attention John Edgar Hoover -- I have just turned over to your agents in Los Angeles the biggest scoop of my thirty-two years on the newspapers. Hundreds of names of Americans who have given money to the Communists here.

Comment:

On the afternoon of 2-28-54, Winchell turned over to our Los Angeles Office twelve 3x5 cards each containing a different name. Winchell advised that he had obtained these cards from a confidential source who, in turn, had secured them surreptitiously from [redacted]. He did not identify the individuals listed on the cards or explain the significance of the cards other than to comment that they might prove to be of [redacted].

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols
1 - Mr. Rosen

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interest to the Bureau. [redacted] may be identical with [redacted] Security Index subject, Bureau file [redacted]

A separate memorandum has been prepared in this matter by a week-end supervisor and it is being referred to the Internal Security Section for further handling.

Winchell said:

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^{NY} ~~Buffalo~~ ^{ALBANY} ~~Courier Express~~ -- ~~Abe~~ ~~Burrows~~, the producer of many Broadway hits, once hedged before a Congressional committee. Now hear this! He and his wife will soon make a very belated, but very sensational statement.

Comment:

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BURROWS
[redacted]

his wife, ~~Caren Kinsey~~ ~~Burrows~~, testified in open session and was generally cooperative, admitting her own previous Communist Party membership and identifying various persons whom she knew to be Communists. [redacted]

Winchell said:

^{NY}
New York City -- A full professor at ~~Hunter~~ ~~College~~, New York -- his initials are ~~B. J. M.~~ -- has been secretly suspended. The Board of Higher Education does not believe this man, a professor of philosophy, ever left the Communist Party.

Comment:

A preliminary check of the Security Index has failed to reflect that anyone answering this description is currently listed. "Who's Who in American Education" was also checked with negative results. (See addendum, page 3.)

Winchell said:

Washington -- Seven suspects in the Department of the Army -- that's Stevens' department -- are suspected of being Reds. Seven subpencs!

Comment:

In view of the lack of identifying data, it is not possible to determine the individuals to whom Winchell may be referring. *WJ*

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With reference to the Professor at Hunter College identified as "B.J.M.," the New York Office advised that the individual in question is probably [REDACTED] a Professor at Hunter College who has been under investigation by the Board of Higher Education of New York City because of his participation in a number of front groups. He appeared in November, 1953, before the Subcommittee of the New York Board of Higher Education, admitted membership in the CP from 1936 to 1941 while a Professor at Hunter College, and that he had misrepresented his CP membership at an earlier hearing before the Rapp-Coudert Committee in New York when he denied membership in the CP. While he admitted his own membership before the Subcommittee of the New York Board of Higher Education, he refused to identify any of his associates. An investigation is being opened in the NYO concerning this man.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 1, 1954

FROM : SA [redacted] & SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

SYNOPSIS:

At 7:30 p.m., 2-28-54, SAC J. F. Malone, Los Angeles, stated that Mr. Walter Winchell turned over to an Agent 12 names contained on 3x5 cards selected from a stack of approximately four inches of such cards. Mr. Winchell stated cards furnished by confidential source who obtained them surreptitiously from [redacted] Mr. Winchell in presence of Agent advised his secretary in New York to advise Mr. L. B. Nichols at the Bureau. Information from SAC Malone relayed to Mr. Nichols. Mr. Winchell during his 9 p.m., broadcast on 2-28-54, reported a hundred names of CP turned over to [redacted] Mr. Nichols instructed writer to contact SAC Malone and obtain remainder of cards from Mr. Winchell. SAC Malone contacted at 9:45 p.m., and stated Mr. Winchell would be contacted and Photostats of cards furnished to Bureau. Above-mentioned [redacted] security index subject.

[redacted] testified before Jenner Committee [redacted] that he left U.S. Government service [redacted] and thereafter was [redacted] He declined to name clients on basis of Fifth Amendment. Three by five cards may possibly relate to his business.

RECOMMENDATION:

This matter be referred to Internal Security Section for further handling.

DETAILS:

At 7:30 p.m., February 28, 1954, SAC J. F. Malone, Los Angeles telephonically stated that on the afternoon of February 28, 1954, Mr. Walter Winchell requested the

See that we get all the cards & promptly analyze them

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Memo - [redacted] to [redacted] 2-8-54

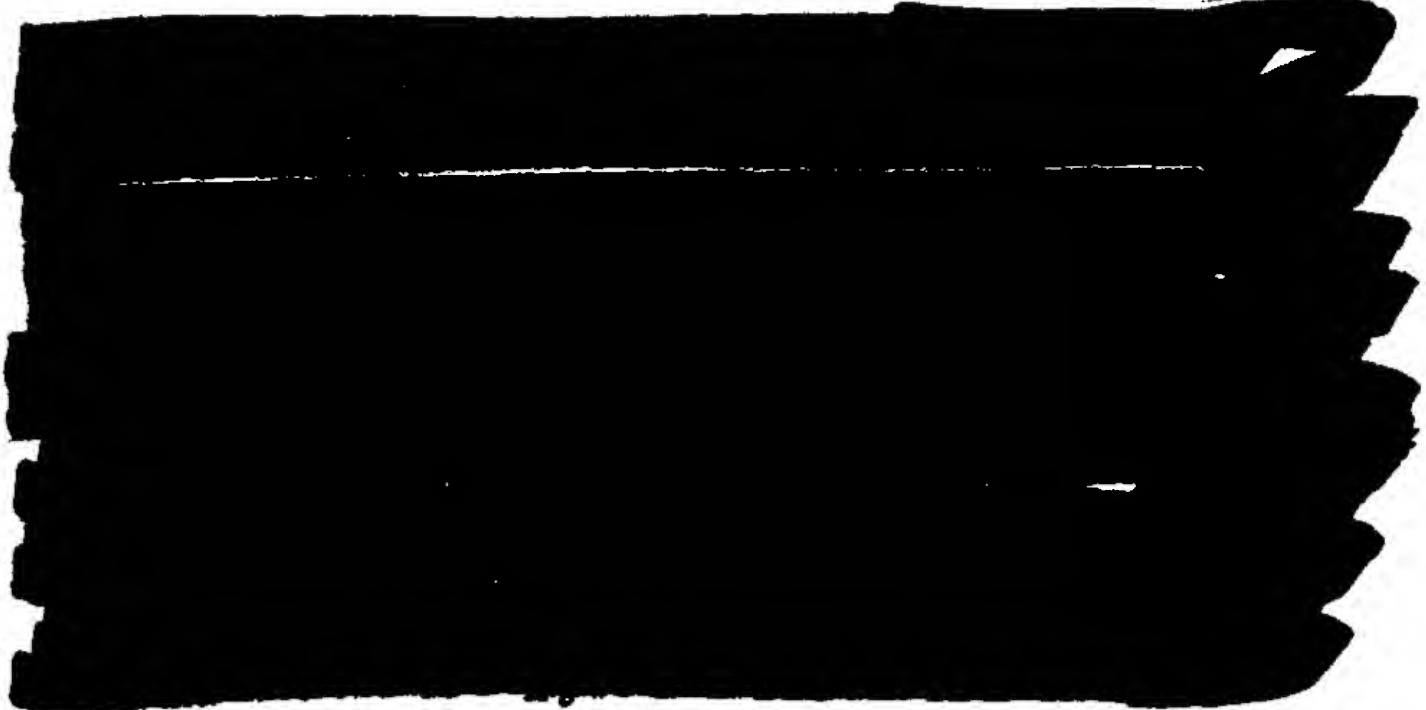
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Los Angeles office that an Agent contact him. SA [redacted] immediately contacted him at which time Mr. Winchell stated that he had a number of 3x5 cards, a stack approximately 4 inches in height, sent to him by his secretary, Rose, furnished by a confidential source who obtained them surreptitiously from [redacted]. Mr. Winchell gave 12 of these cards to [redacted] with remark that their contents may be of interest to the Bureau, and he requested that they be returned on the next day.

SAC Malone stated that SA [redacted] took the cards out comment and that Photostat copies are being made of the 12 cards. These contain the following names:

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Mr. Malone stated that the cards appear to pertain to the period of 1946.

He also stated that Mr. Winchell remarked that he has not met Mr. Malone. Therefore, SAC Malone stated he would personally return the cards to Mr. Winchell on March 1, 1954. UACB by 10 a.m., P.S.T., 1 p.m., E.S.T. of that day.

Mr. Malone stated that during contact by SA [redacted] Mr. Winchell while talking to his secretary, Rose, requested that she call Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols concerning the cards furnished to the FBI.

Also, Mr. Winchell, during that call remarked that he wouldn't be able to call Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and requested that she call him. He remarked to her that Howard Hughes requested a favorable comment concerning his recent picture but he, Winchell, hesitates to make a direct statement in view of the Cardinal's feeling.

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SAC Malone stated that SA [redacted] could not determine whether Mr. Winchell's remark in regard to Senator McCarthy pertained to the 3x5 cards.

Afore-mentioned information was furnished to Mr. Nichols by the writer. Mr. Nichols suggested file be reviewed concerning [redacted] to ascertain significance of the cards having been in his possession.

Subsequently after the 9 p.m. broadcast by Mr. Winchell, in which he reported that names of Communists were turned over to the FBI, Mr. Nichols instructed the writer to contact SAC Malone in accordance with the Director's instructions to obtain from Mr. Winchell and Photostat all of the cards.

At 9:45 p.m. the writer relayed the instructions to SAC Malone, who stated that he could do so immediately and furnish results to the Bureau.

[redacted] above-mentioned, is apparently identical with [redacted] a Security Index subject, Bufile [redacted]

Partial review of files on 12 names furnished failed to reveal any record on [redacted] [redacted] may possibly be identical with the subject of an espionage case [redacted] who disappeared in 1946.

It was not possible to positively identify the balance of the individuals with the references in the Bureau's indices. However, it was noted that many of the references on individuals of the same name located in New York City were proprietors of or officers in businesses which could have used the services of [redacted]

In [redacted] testified before the Jenner Committee that he left the U.S. Government Service in [redacted] and thereafter he [redacted] He refused to identify any of his clients by invoking the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL

DATE: March 1, 1954

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- Miss Gandy _____

For record purposes, late Sunday afternoon, Rose Bigman of Mr. Walter Winchell's office called you and I took the call. She pointed out that they had bumped into something that was very interesting. They had received a letter in the mail signed "Ed," that this letter enclosed a few cards containing names and amounts of contributions on them. The letter stated that if they were interested in learning more details, an item should be put in the column stating, "Dear Eddie: We are interested." This they did.

Shortly thereafter, a man called at the office on Friday, February 26. The man claimed that he was married, had a family and did not want to get into trouble. He had a few cards bearing the date 1946 and showing contributions of \$50, \$100 and \$200. He stated that he could get more cards. He did come up with more cards and these looked to Rose like a sucker list. She then asked about more cards like the ones she had seen first showing contributions of \$50, \$100 and \$200. In about a half an hour, he returned with approximately 150 cards. Among the names which she recognized as making contributions were the names of [redacted] and [redacted]. The man called Eddie represented that he either stole the cards or got them surreptitiously or in some way secured them from [redacted].

Rose noticed this man was wearing a ring with the letter [redacted] on it. She then remarked to him that his name was not Eddie. He admitted it was not, but that it was [redacted].

Rose stated that the cards had been sent to Mr. Winchell and Mr. Winchell turned the cards over to [redacted] of our Los Angeles Office to be photostated. Rose stated Winchell asked her to contact us and also be sure that the man known as Eddie does not get in trouble. Rose did not know what was back of the move other than the fact that Eddie indicated the cards had something to do with Communism. He wants the cards back as he must return them and he is to call Rose early this week. Rose stated that if perhaps she knew what line to take, she could get more information from Eddie.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 2, 1954

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL

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Glavin
Harbo
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Miss Gandy

SAC Malone of Los Angeles telephonically advised Mr. McGuire of my office this afternoon that pursuant to Bureau instructions he had personally called on Walter Winchell yesterday afternoon and obtained from him a number of 3x5 index cards which Winchell had on individuals who possibly might have Communist Party connections. Malone stated the Los Angeles was photographing these cards today.

Winchell had asked Malone to have the cards returned to his secretary in New York and suggested Malone send a cover note to Rose Bigman so she would know where he got them. Further, that Rose would know what to do with them. Malone suggested rather than have him write a note to Miss Bigman that he have the cards sent direct to SAC Kelly in New York so they could be delivered by an Agent personally to Miss Bigman, thereby obviating the necessity of having any correspondence in his file on this subject matter.

Malone was advised that unless instructed to the contrary by the Bureau tonight, to send the cards to the New York Office for delivery by an Agent to Winchell's secretary.

CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
Re: WALTER WINCHELL

I told Rose that of course we could not pass judgment until we knew what the cards were; that I thought as she indicated the man was coming in to see her this week, as soon as she heard from him, she might call us as we might have some suggestion. My thought is that there might be some question we might want Rose to ask Eddie if the cards are of any value, or we might even want to ascertain the identity of Eddie through a surveillance.

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Shortly thereafter, the Supervisor on duty in the Domestic Intelligence Division advised me that SAC Malone of Los Angeles had called stating Mr. Winchell had called the office and wanted to be contacted by an Agent. Agent [redacted] went by to see Winchell. Winchell had a stack of cards about four inches high. Twelve of the cards were selected from the pile and given to Agent [redacted]. Winchell stated the cards had been secured surreptitiously from [redacted]. The cards were photostated and returned to Winchell early Monday as Winchell had to return them.

Mr. Malone also advised the Supervisor on duty in the Domestic Intelligence Division that Winchell was overheard to be talking to his secretary and overheard to tell the secretary to call Joe McCarthy.

Following my conversation with the Director, I advised the Supervisor that the Director desired that Malone contact Winchell and endeavor to secure photostats of the rest of the cards so that we could then look them over.

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ATTENTION LIAISON SECTION

WALTER WINCHELL, INFO CONCERNING. REURTEL MARCH THIRD.

ORIGINALS OF OVER THREE HUNDRED CARDS FURNISHED THIS OFFICE
FORWARDED TO NEW YORK VIA PARCEL POST ON MARCH SECOND FOR
RETURN TO WINCHELLS SECRETARY. WINCHELL REQUESTED THEY BE
RETURNED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES
OF CARDS BEING FORWARDED BUREAU AND NEW YORK THIS DATE BY LA.

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Attached received from Walter Winchell

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
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- Miss Gandy

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*Pat To John Edgar
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WALTER WINCHELL

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MEMOS OF A MIDNIGHTER

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READYING AN ANNOUNCEMENT THEY SAY JOHNNY WELKE
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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 8, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
MARCH 7, 1954

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- Ladd
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Gearty
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- Miss Gandy

WINCHELL SAID:

Mr. John Ireland says he is a very loyal American, that he has requested the FBI and all committees to put him through any acid test. This is a relief, I think, from the people who refuse to answer questions. I invited Mr. Ireland here tonight to meet you all and lets hear what he has to say about it. John, I have a list as it appeared in a page ad in the "Hollywood Reporter" in 1947. It contains the names of many loyal Americans out here in the movie colony and some known "Reds," attacking a Congressional Committee. John Ireland, your name is on that list. Now I do not accuse you or anyone on that list, because that would be guilt by association and I have always been opposed to that. John, have you any comment on why your name happens to be on this list?

JOHN IRELAND SAID:

I was having dinner at the Players Restaurant a few years ago and someone submitted a petition to me. I understand tonight the petition was to abolish the Un-American Activities Committee. Well I would never be a party to that. I would never sign anything that has to do with abolishing the Un-American Activities Committee whatsoever. Personally I'm not really interested in politics. I'm sorry to say I am only interested in acting and I always have been.

WINCHELL SAID:

Ok John Ireland, I hope this helps get your side of the story over.

COMMENT:

At 3 P.M. on March 3, 1954, John Ireland called the SAC, Los Angeles from Phoenix, and stated that a story had broken in the

cc - 1 - L. B. Nichols

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newspaper falsely identifying Ireland as a Communist Party sympathizer. He requested that he be permitted to come to the Los Angeles office on March 8, 1954, to be interviewed concerning this matter. It was agreed that he should be interviewed there at 3 P.M. today.

At 4 P.M. March 3, 1954, Walter Winchell called the Los Angeles office and advised that he had asked Ireland to appear on his program March 7, 1954.

We have not conducted any investigation concerning Ireland. The only previous information appearing in our files which may refer to Ireland, is as follows: In the November 3, 1947, issue of the "Hollywood Reporter" there appears a full-page ad of the Actors' Division of the Progressive Citizens of America which is entitled "The Rankin Committee Must Go." The name John Ireland appears as one of the sponsors of this ad.

WINCHELL SAID:

The scoop of my life that never got on the air. Last week's script had a tip on the shootings in Washington, but I never got to it. This is the item now on the cameras confirmed so shockingly the next afternoon. Washington Post, Attention Mr. Brownell. Followers of Campos, the pardoned Nationalist beast of Puerto Rico, are expected to stage demonstrations against leading Americans in Washington, D. C.

J. E. Hoover, and FBI men may be the first target of their shots. Now get this. The Winchell broadcast of February 21, that's two Sundays ago, was even closer to the news. Listen now to the sound track of the Winchell kinescope for February 21, while I read it and weep. Listen to the last four words. "Washington Post; People representing all organizations recently listed as subversive by the Government Mr. Brownell, will march on Washington, D. C. in hopes of trying to disturb the Congress."

"And try to disturb the Congress," that's pretty close.

COMMENT:

We received information from the U.S. Secret Service in November, 1953, to the effect that an informant of unknown reliability

had stated that the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico had hatched a plot to assassinate the Director of FBI, President Eisenhower, and Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

On February 22, 1954, the San Juan office advised that confidential informant [REDACTED]

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The "march on Washington, D. C." mentioned above apparently refers to the "Peoples Conference to Repeal the McCarran Act" (PCRMA) which is sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress. The PCRMA has been scheduled to confer with Congress on the morning of March 8, 1954, and with officials of the Justice Department and the Subversive Activities Control Board during the afternoon of March 8, 1954. Details concerning this matter are set forth in your memorandum to the Director dated March 8, 1954, captioned "Civil Rights Congress, Internal Security - C."

There is no tie in between the PCRMA and the activities of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

WINCHELL SAID:

There are more Puerto Rican Nationalists in Venezuela than in the United States of North America.

COMMENT:

We have no information concerning this.

WINCHELL SAID:

Senator McCarthy will say tomorrow that if the Republicans attack him once more, he, McCarthy, will not speak outside Wisconsin in the Fall Campaign. McCarthy accuses his own party of using his fight on the Communists to cover up business conditions and the farm issue. "I will no longer," said Senator McCarthy, "Take the rap."

COMMENT:

Senator McCarthy is doubtlessly referring to recent criticism directed at him by President Eisenhower and other top Republicans because of the feud between McCarthy and Secretary Stevens of the Department of the Army, which grew out of McCarthy's alleged "brow-beating" of General Zwicker when the latter was testifying before the McCarthy Committee.

WINCHELL SAID:

Yesterday in Florida, Mr. Adlai Stevenson declared that the Eisenhower administration was surrounded by political plungers. Men who had wagered the life of the Republican Party on "McCarthyism" Mr. Stevenson neglected to mention, ladies and gentlemen, that the Truman administration had bet the life of the nation on Alger Hiss and Dean Acheson, and very nearly lost the nations life in Korea. Mr. Stevenson also said that President Eisenhower's great crusade had practiced great deception. Well in my opinion that's a very timid man's way of calling the President of the United States a liar. Mr. Stevenson also neglected to mention that one of the greatest lies in our history was exposed long ago. The Truman administration's fabrication that Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White were merely "Red Herrings." Well, many Red leaders in the United States have since been convicted and jailed and if Mr. Stevenson only realized the 1952 election convicted the Truman administration of harboring them. Mr. Stevenson, however, truthfully said when one party calls another party a party of traitors it does great damage to the nation. What Adlai Stevenson forgot to tell you, however, was the name of the author of that very generous and very wise statement. It was stated at a press conference several months ago by the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who considers it more important to be an American than a politician.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Mr. G-man, Washington, dig up the kinescope of the G.O.P. Convention. The lunatic in the shootings of Congress last Monday looks just like the Puerto Rican "gal" who led the heckling from the gallery at the G.O.P. Convention, at the wonderfully funny Puerto Rican delegate.

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

The New York City Board of Higher Education ^{NY} will suspend another leading professor at Brooklyn College. He has been named as a Communist Party member. His initials are M.R.

COMMENT:

There is insufficient data available to identify the above-mentioned individual.